

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

MULTIPLE RESOURCE

THEMATIC NOMINATION

1 NAME

HISTORIC Waggoner Graveyard

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER S side of SR 1814, on a dirt lane 1 mile from road, on top of hill

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
North Carolina

VICINITY OF
CODE
037

COUNTY
Davidson

CODE
057

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Cemetery

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME C. L. Wagner, Jr. Estate

STREET & NUMBER Route 12, Box 327

CITY, TOWN Lexington

STATE
North Carolina 27293

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTER OF DEEDS, ETC. Register of Deeds Office, Davidson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Lexington

STATE
North Carolina

6 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Ruth Little, Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Survey and Planning Branch

DATE
August 5, 1983

STREET & NUMBER
Division of Archives and History

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Raleigh

STATE
North Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Waggoner Graveyard is a private family graveyard located on the old Daniel Waggoner farm on the C. L. Wagner Road (SR 1814) near Midway Church. The graveyard is on the top of a hill overlooking a tributary of Brushy Creek, and is enclosed by a fence, approximately 40 feet square, of granite posts which originally supported a railing. This was erected by William L. Wagner about 1900. The graveyard is very overgrown and apparently contains about fifteen gravestones, although others may be hidden. Most of the pre-1850 gravestones are locally-made by the Swisegood School or by imitators. The graveyard is significant because of one gravestone, the Lucinda Waggner stone, 1840-1842, which contains the only anthropomorphic decoration in the entire county: the center finial is carved with a small face.

Waggoner Graveyard: Significant Gravemarkers

Lucinda Waggner	1840-1842	Swisegood School or imitators
Elizabeth Waggoner	1753-1820	Swisegood School or imitators
Rosina Delap	1778-1824	Swisegood School or imitators
John Delap	-1840	Swisegood School or imitators
Hamilton L. Delap	1833-1847	Swisegood School or imitators
Plésent (Waggner?)	1842-1842	Swisegood School or imitators
Jacob Waggner	1818-1845	Swisegood School or imitators
Belinda Waggner	1820-1843	Swisegood School or imitators
Elizabeth Headrick	1809-1845	Swisegood School or imitators
Polly Waggoner	1789-1849	Swisegood School or imitators

8 SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL
 STATE
 LOCAL

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Various

STONECUTTERS: unknown

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The earliest gravestone in the Waggoner Family Graveyard is dated 1820, and burials continued here until the early twentieth century. This is the only remaining pre-Civil War family graveyard found in north Davidson County during the thematic inventory.

CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

- A. Derives primary significance from the unique collection of folk gravestones by local stonecutters erected here in the late eighteenth and first half of the nineteenth centuries. These highly decorative soapstone gravestones with folk symbols for resurrection and eternity represent the height of folk art accomplishment within the craft community of the Anglo-German farmers of north Davidson County.

- D. The Waggoner Family Graveyard is the only known early family graveyard left in north Davidson County, and contains a unique anthropomorphic "Pierced Style" gravestone, dated 1842, with a small human face carved on the center finial.



ROSINA DELAY

WAS BORN IN
THE YEAR 1773
DIED IN THE
YEAR OF SEPTEMBER
1792